



Isiah Leggett, County Executive
Timothy Firestone, Chief Administrator Officer

Catherine Matthews, Director
Arthur Edmunds, UCAB Chair

October 28, 2016

Holiday Schedule for Veterans Day, Friday, November 11

Montgomery County government will observe the following holiday schedule for Veterans Day, Friday, November 11.

County Offices – closed

Libraries – closed

County Liquor stores – all County liquor stores will be open normal hours.

Recreation: aquatic and community centers open as scheduled; classes and programs will meet as scheduled; all senior programs cancelled, and administrative offices and senior centers closed

Montgomery Parks - For operating schedule, visit www.MontgomeryParks.org

Ride On – Ride On will run on a [Special Modified Holiday Schedule](#)

Metrorail – Information available at www.wmata.com

Metrobus – Information available at www.wmata.com

TRiPS Commuter Stores (Silver Spring and Friendship Heights) – closed

Transfer Station recycling and trash drop-offs: [Open with normal hours](#). Recycling Center: closed; Transfer Station and Recycling Center administrative offices: closed

Trash Collections –Friday collections will slide to Saturday

The Shady Grove Processing Facility and Transfer Station - closed

Parking at public garages, lots, curbside meters – free

MCPS Schools and Administrative Offices – closed

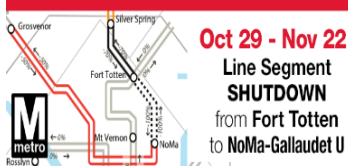
State offices and courts – closed



Domestic Violence Month

Though October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, domestic violence knows no monthly or other borders. Montgomery County wants everyone to know that help is available. The Montgomery County [Family Justice Center](#) can be reached by calling 240-773-0444.

How County Residents Can Deal with Metro's SafeTrack Repairs



Metro's Surge 10 from Fort Totten to NoMa-Gallaudet U 7:00 a.m. Saturday, October 29 until closing, Tuesday, November 22

- Red Line trains will run in two segments -- Shady Grove to NoMa-Gallaudet U every six minutes and Glenmont to Fort Totten every ten minutes.
- Metrorail stations at Brookland-CUA and Rhode Island Ave. will be closed.

See [press release](#), or visit montgomerycountymd.gov/safetrack.

MC311, Montgomery County's informational call center, will temporarily be open an additional two hours each weekday during Metro's SafeTrack Surge 10. Weekdays from Monday, October 31 through Tuesday, November 22, representatives will be available from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., helping commuters navigate the changes in Metro's mass transit schedules.

Learn more about SafeTrack Surge 10 at

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=17500

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Today for New Public Safety Training Academy; Final Construction of a New Facility in Leggett's Smart Growth Initiative

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett today took part in the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Public Safety Training Academy (PSTA) located at 8751 Snouffer School Road in Gaithersburg. Joining Mr. Leggett were: County Council members Nancy Floreen, Marc Elrich, Sidney Katz and Hans Riemer; Congressman John Delaney, Police Chief J. Thomas Manger, Fire Chief Scott E. Goldstein, Department of Transportation Director Al Roshdieh, Department of Correction and Rehabilitation Director Robert Green, and Department of General Services Director David Dise.

The new PSTA is part of the Montgomery County Multi Agency Service Park (MASP). Its opening marks the completion of the eighth project and final construction of a new facility in Leggett's Smart Growth Initiative (SGI). The SGI, introduced by the County Executive in 2008, represents a bold program designed to provide critically needed public facilities by leveraging County-owned land for use in job creation and in providing transit-oriented housing. The SGI aims to:

- Replace and modernize antiquated public facilities;
- Maintain a competitive, resilient, and sustainable economy;
- Create transit-oriented development;
- Support efficiency by co-locating compatible departments with related uses;
- Construct thousands of new housing units, including Moderately Priced Dwelling Units and workforce units;
- Encourage higher-paying jobs in a transit-oriented bioscience area, and;
- Save County funds currently spent on rental payments for leased private property.

For more information about the facility, see press release at

http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=17504



Montgomery County's Fire & Rescue Service Offers Safety Tips for Halloween

<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcfrs-info/tips/citizens/halloween.html>

new date!

Legislation introduced to Protect Neighborhoods from Vacant and Foreclosed Properties

The two bills will require owners to register their properties, leading to better upkeep when they are unoccupied.

This previously scheduled public hearing was moved to the evening of November 1st to accommodate more speakers.

Two bills have been introduced that would protect neighborhoods that have unmaintained vacant or foreclosed properties. The intent of both bills is to keep unmaintained properties from becoming a nuisance to the community.

Bills 38-16 and 39-16 are intended to “provide the County with new tools to enforce current law, ensure homes are properly maintained and taxes are paid, and encourage delinquent or absentee owners to rent, occupy or sell the property.”

For more details, contact Councilmember Tom Hucker's office at 240-777-7960 or see the press release at http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=17386



Councilmember Sidney Katz to hold Town Hall Meeting

Wednesday, November 2 7:00pm

Benjamin Gaither Center

80 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg

Questions? Email Councilmember.katz@montgomerycountymd.gov or call 240-777-7906.

Upcounty Citizens Advisory Board Meeting (UCAB)

Monday, November 7 7:00pm-9:00pm

Kramer Upcounty Regional Services Center

12900 Middlebrook Road, Germantown

Topic: “Subdivision Staging Policy”

***Guest: Pamela Dunn, Functional Planning and Policy Division,
Planning Department***

The latest version of Montgomery County's Subdivision Staging Policy (formerly called “Growth Policy”) is currently being updated for review and approval by the County Council by November 15, 2016.

The intent of the Subdivision Staging Policy is to ensure adequate public facilities infrastructure, particularly schools and roads, associated with new development and growth. This update is an opportunity to revise the rules for how our county grows.

The public is invited to all board meetings!

Sign language interpreter services will be provided only upon request with notice as far in advance as possible, but no less than 72 hours prior to the event. If these or other services or aids are needed to participate in this activity, please call 240-777-8040 or email a request to catherine.matthews@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Green Business Forum (GBF)
Thursday, November 3, 8:00am - 9:30am
Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, Suite 1800
51 Monroe Street, Rockville

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection and Montgomery College have partnered to create a Green Business Forum (GBF). Taking place four times a year, each forum will feature experts who offer unique perspectives on the advantages of being a green business. Panels will be moderated by Montgomery College faculty. Presentations will be followed by Q&A. Montgomery College will offer "how-to" webinars to supplement the forums. The cost to attend the Forums is \$39.00, unless otherwise noted. Registration is required. [Learn about the Montgomery County Green Business Certification Program](#)

Interracial/interfaith Dialogue on Racism: Seeing the Divine in Each Other

Thursday, November 3 6:15pm-9:30pm
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Rockville
100 Welsh Park Dr, Rockville, MD 20850

Refreshments at 6:15pm. Program starts promptly at 6:30pm.

Open to the public! Youth groups are also welcome to participate!

Participants will engage in anti-racism exercises in diverse groups of six, with a trained facilitator, to raise our awareness of racism, Islamophobia, Anti-semitism & Xenophobia in our communities, our schools, county agencies, and within ourselves. The interfaith group will begin with reflections on our sacred texts, our common humanity, and our belief that we are all children of God. Those who attended the dialogue on Sept. 28 are also welcome to participate. Montgomery County Police officers and Fire and Rescue Service chiefs have said that they will continue to participate in this interfaith initiative on racism.

Youth groups are also welcome to participate. Please RSVP at [Click here](#)

Maryland Department of Transportation Warning Motorists of Deer Activity This Fall

Deer Mating Season is beginning; Use Extra Caution Driving

See press release for more.

http://www.roads.maryland.gov/pages/release.aspx?newsId=2709&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+MD_SHA_News_Releases+%28Maryland+SHA+News+Releases%29

For more News from the Office of the County Executive, visit: <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/news>

For other news and meeting agendas, visit:

County Council http://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/press_List.aspx?id=01

Planning Board http://www.montgomeryplanning.org/departments/news_releases

Also check out the latest from:

Department of Public Libraries <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/library>

Department of Recreation <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/rectmpl.asp?url=/content/rec/index.asp>

Department of Transportation <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot/index.html>

Department of Environmental Protection <http://www6.montgomerycountymd.gov/deatmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/dephome/index.asp>

Department of Permitting Services <http://permitting.montgomerycountymd.gov/DPS/general/Home.aspx>

Montgomery County Volunteer Center <http://www.montgomeryserves.org>

Office of Community Partnerships <http://archive.constantcontact.com/fs100/1102184431012/archive/1117215431562.html>

Commission for Women <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/index.html>